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In re application of:

KATO *et al.*

Appl. No.: 10/555,343

§ 371 Date: November 1, 2005

For: **Freeze-Dried Preparation
Containing Methylcobalamin and
Process For Producing Same**

Confirmation No: 4524

Art Unit: 1614

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**First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement
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Copies of documents **FP9** and **NPL15** are submitted.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3), Applicants' undersigned representative submits the following discussion of the relevance of the non-English language document, **FP9**, cited on Form PTO/SB/08A:

Document **FP9**, JP 59-152327, is in the Japanese language. An English language abstract of document FP9 is attached as document **NPL15**. According to document NPL15, FP9 discloses a stabilized vitamin preparation that is prepared by adding at least

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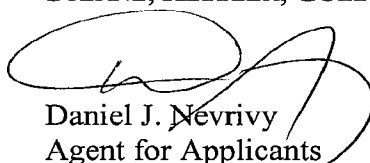
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